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In Brief . . .

Koch
to speak
tonight

UM President James Koch will share his "Reflections on Montana" tonight at the UC Lounge. Koch's lecture is part of Mortar Board's Last Lecture Series, in which speakers deliver what would be their last speech. The lecture is scheduled for 7 p.m.

UM to
celebrate
Charter Day

A lecture on academic freedom and an awards ceremony will commemorate Charter Day Thursday at UM.

The convocation at 3:15 p.m. in the Montana Theater commemorates UM's charter by the Legislature on Feb. 17, 1893.

Ron Perrin, a UM political science professor, will address the subject of academic freedom, and Law School Associate Dean Bari Burke, and Bridget Clarke, UM's 25th Rhodes scholar, will respond to his speech.

UM President James Koch will present Robert T. Pantzer Awards to Dr. Leonard Brewer of Missoula, a 1928 UM graduate, and Margaret Kingsland, executive director of the UM-based Montana Committee for the Humanities. The award goes to Montanans who have made the university environment more open and humane.

Other awards to be presented are the Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award, the Montana Alumni Award, and the UM Student Service Award.

Classes won't be cancelled for Charter Day.

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arrested; see
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Investigation now finished, chairman says

Subcommittee recommends
limit be placed on percentage
of student computer fees
used for bond payments

By Michael Johnston
Kaimin Reporter

A subcommittee that has investigated use of student computer fees plans to recommend next week that a limit be put on the percentage of those fees used for bond payments, the subcommittee's chairman said Tuesday.

David Patterson, a UM math professor, said the subcommittee will recommend to the Computer User Advisory Committee that the percentage of bond payments coming out of student computer fees reflect the percentage of bond proceeds that are spent on student computers.

A \$9 million computer bond was approved by the Board of Regents in 1985, and about \$3 million went to

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FRESHMAN TODD GLAZIER and his partner, Melody Wilson, perform a duo improvisation for a drama class recently in the McGill Hall dance studio.

Photo by Patricia Albosta

Observers say tension high as Nicaraguan election nears

By Tom Walsh
Kaimin Reporter

(MANAGUA, Nicaragua)--With less than a week to go before Nicaragua's elections, there is a feeling of tension throughout the country, according to residents and observers interviewed by members of a Montana election observer group.

Eleven group members witnessed Sunday the closing rally of the National Opposition Union

"The number
of people
at the UNO rally
is an expression
of their
frustration and
the work ahead
for the
Sandinistas."

-Chuck Blackman,
an American
Steelwork advisor

(UNO), the main opponent to the incumbent Sandinista party. Between 100,000 and 200,000 people attended the UNO rally, according to a member of the Montana delegation. The crowd was animated, but no incidents of violence were observed by group members.

However, after the rally, four members -- Maggie Crowley, a UM history major; Beth Madden, a 1987 UM wildlife biology graduate; Tomas Graman, a Spanish instructor at Carroll College; and Tom Walsh, a UM graduate student

Mock elections to be held at UM

By Julie Campagna
Kaimin Reporter

Missoula citizens and UM students can cast mock ballots today, Thursday and Friday at the UC Mall for Nicaragua's upcoming elections.

"The reason for the balloting in the UC mall is to bring attention to the elections in Nicaragua and to find out where students stand on policies," said Jim Parker, a UM junior in education and one of the mock election's organizers. "We also hope to get people involved in the Nicaraguan elections in a more direct way and to increase awareness about the election."

Tara Townsend, a UM graduate student in Health and PE, also helped to organize the balloting.

The citizen-student balloting of the Nicaraguan elections is sponsored by the Witness for Peace organization, an international human rights organization. The local balloting, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will include

a public balloting ceremony where local citizens and UM students will choose among options for Nicaragua's future and place their ballots in a large box, much as the Nicaraguans will do on Feb. 25.

Nicaragua's National Opposition Union, a coalition party led by Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, is challenging the leftist Sandinista government led by President Daniel Ortega.

In a press release, Townsend and Parker said, "The idea is for U.S. citizens to say publicly that Nicaraguans deserve the same rights of self determination as Americans have. The U.S. government should accept whoever the Nicaraguans choose. We believe that our government should accept the findings of the United Nations and the Organization of the American States."

The results of the UM balloting days will be tabulated and reported to members

See "Mock," pg. 8.

However, one woman alleged that arrests had been made, Groman said. That report was unsubstantiated as of Monday morning. Observers from the Organization of American States were at the scene, but it was not possible to interview them.

Crowley said the incident produced the most tension she had felt that day.

"There was definitely a show of force, and you have to take that in the context of a country that's been at war for nine years," she said. "But it ended peacefully, and they (police) pulled out without responding to the hostility of the crowd."

UNO is a coalition of parties ranging from the Nicaraguan Communist party to the far right of the Nicaraguan political spectrum.

UNO has been linked by many Nicaraguan and independent observers to the U.S.-backed guerrilla movement, or Contras, said a representative of Witness for Peace, an international human rights organization.

Jennifer Collins, who worked for the organization for one and a half years in Nicaragua, said in an interview that the Contras have committed the elections' most violent acts of intimidation. She said that many observer groups are ignoring the Contra question, which Witness for Peace has chosen to focus on.

She said that UNO has yet to condemn any Contra violence during the elections, and that it even implied that the Sandinistas killed their own people in an earlier attack against military

See "Tension," pg. 8.

in journalism -- witnessed a confrontation between police and part of the crowd. About 100 police and 300 to 500 citizens faced off in a branch of the main square. There were contradictory reports as to what provoked the incident. But no arrests or violence were observed.

Artists need the freedom to offend

In an address at the UM Montana Theater Friday night, Rep. Pat Williams warned against what he said was a new "brand of McCarthyism."

Williams' comparison was accurate. In the 1950s, Sen. Joe McCarthy saw communist subversion everywhere he looked, and he would not be deterred, even by constitutional guarantees, from his efforts to root it out. The new McCarthy, Sen. Jesse Helms, sees pornography subversion everywhere he looks, and the principle of freedom of expression can't stop him.

Helms and his allies, including most of the members of the Senate, want to do away with art they find offensive. To aid their efforts, they have succeeded in changing the way the government distributes money to artists.

The National Endowment for the Arts is the primary national funding agency for the arts. Until Helms' attack, the NEA gave authority for making funding decisions to "peer review panels," which were directed to base their judgments on quality, not content.

That mandate, which was passed down when the NEA was established 25 years ago, was intended to keep the government out of the business of censoring artworks. But in the era of Helms-ism, censorship is no longer a dirty word.

Williams said that recent legislation, which was based on the Helms amendment, directs the NEA and its director to base art funding

"not on the art's excellence, but solely on the art's content, and whether or not, in the opinion of some, the content is distasteful."

The Helms amendment was revised in the House of Representatives, where it passed despite Williams' impassioned efforts to defeat it. And its effects have already been felt. Galleries and

theaters that rely on federal money are hesitant to run shows that they fear might be considered offensive. Corporations have begun to pull back financial contributions to the arts rather than to face controversy.

The NEA is fast becoming "an agency that is required by some Ayatollahs in the Congress to censor art on behalf of public figures," Williams said. The "climate of freedom," which he described as "absolutely essential to artists, and therefore absolutely essential to the rest of us," has been replaced by the chill of government censorship.

The only kind of art that is threatened by this change is the most important kind of art. Works that explore the margins of our understanding and challenge our view of the world are offensive to some. But that is the real work of artists, and our Congress is stifling it.

Czechoslovakia's newly-elected President Vaclav Havel became a hero to his people by writing radical, vulgar plays that criticized his government and society. It's therefore ironic that President Bush, who has been posing for the past couple of days with Havel, funded the Helms amendment.

The NEA's supporting expires in October, and there will be another debate about its future. In the meantime, Williams wants us to consider something:

"I just encourage all Montanans and all Americans who might -- perhaps understandably -- be upset that their money might be used to fund something they find outrageously distasteful, to consider whether they want the federal government to make that decision for them. Because that's what is at stake."

-Eric Johnson



Letters

Letters of more than 300 words and letters not typed and double spaced probably won't be published.

Letters that don't include a signature, valid mailing address, telephone number and student's year and major will not be published.

A letter should be on a subject of university interest and should state an opinion.

Prudish disgust

Editor:

After reading Jodi Evans' tirade toward morality, in which she showed a prudish apple pie disgust for what she deemed a disregard of "our great country" and its legislative process, I kept wondering, "Why does 'Have you ever been mellow' keep running through my head?"

Evans has failed to grasp -- in her gung-ho appreciation of the United States and ASUM -- principles of both establishments: the First Amendment and student rights. Two components critically necessary for a university to flourish.

The lobby for Nude Day if and when, is an attempt to make the alienated and apathetic aware of, and involved in the ASUM process you so highly revered. Seen by some as a metaphor for riding the campus of the superfluous Nude Day campaign is an enlightenment strategy --

with wit and concern, to bring the process to the attention of the student majority that take it for granted.

Maybe with your help Jodi -- we can support positive change in a process missing out on crucial voter participation. Let's work for the highest voter turnout in ASUM history and make Steve Miller's "Jungle Love" the new school song while we're at it.

Gerard Lynn
sophomore, Journalism and radio-
television

Apathy or accountability

Editor:

When thinking of the ASUM Senate election two things come to mind: demographics and accountability. During the campaign we have heard from CPR -- 20 students who claim "to be diverse," -- and the Star Alliance -- fourteen students who claim "to not be diverse." Who are the other 32 candidates students running for senate? Well, 23 happen to be Greek. This group doesn't claim to be "diverse" or "not diverse," but they do have the track record of dominating the ASUM Senate.

As CPR and Star Alliance draw most of the attention, the Greeks once again appear to be slipping through. There are about 700 people in the Greek system who have a

strong history of voting, while most other students are apathetic. If this trend continues, once again the ASUM Senate will be controlled by Greeks even though they represent less than 10 percent of the campus.

The past few ASUM Senates have done very little concerning administrative accountability. In the last few years, students have witnessed the building of a new stadium and track, while the library deteriorates and the Communication Science and Disorders Department has been cut. This year the administration allocated the Disability Student Services only \$14,297 of the \$300,000 they have generated, without providing any improvement in handicap accessibility.

Once again students have a choice. They can vote for apathy (by not voting) and let the Greeks control the Senate again. Or they can vote for a group of students willing to work for student rights and who will address the problems of administrative accountability and proper use of student money.

James Menaks
graduate, environmental studies

P.S. I am not anti-Greek. In fact, I am more Greek than most people in the Greek system, considering my ancestors wrote their alphabet.

Professors should change with the times

Reno Charette, a senior in liberal arts, was running late last Friday morning. Just one of those days. By the time she had dropped one of her children off at junior high school, another at elementary school and found a place to park at UM -- a frustrating task in itself -- it was after 9 a.m. Reno had to make a decision; should she have taken her 6-year-old son to the day care center, like she usually does, and

David Stalling



arrive late to her 9:10 American writers course? Or arrive on time with her child? She decided to arrive on time with her child. Professor Jesse Bier thinks she made a bad decision.

Bier threw her out. "Not in my class," he said. "This is not a day care center. What if everyone did this?"

There's a simple answer to that; not everyone does.

Not all students have children, and those that do rarely bring them to lectures. But sometimes they have to; or miss class. Friday was the fifth time in four years that Reno brought her child to class, and the first time she has been asked to leave. Her son has never disturbed a lecture.

UM has no rules on bringing children to classes. Those sort of things are left to the instructor's discretion. Bier does not want children sitting through his lectures because he is running a classroom, not a nursery.

I don't know of any professors, or students, who would want a lecture interrupted by a screaming child. But couldn't Bier have waited to see if a problem occurred before throwing a student out? I have yet to see a class disrupted by children. In fact, a lot of students behave worse than children. And couldn't Bier have found a way to ask Reno to leave without embarrassing her and her child? I have seen Marine Corps drill instructors with more tact. And if Bier doesn't like children in his class, shouldn't he have made that clear in the beginning of the quarter? Reno would not have brought her son to lecture if she had known how Bier felt.

UM is an institution of higher education, and instructors should certainly be allowed to run their classes as they see fit. But the days when most college students were between the ages of 18 and 19, wore suits and ties to school, and sat at attention while taking notes on a piece of slate are over. More than 30 percent of the students at UM are considered non-traditional. In fact, UM has worked hard to attract non-traditional students, according to Dean of Students Barbara Hollmann. Being thrown out of class for bringing a child along, however, is not very encouraging.

Jesse Bier is an interesting and knowledgeable professor, and one I have great respect for. But he, and others, should be more understanding of changing times -- and more encouraging to anyone willing to better themselves through education.

It's not easy going to school while trying to raise a family; just ask Reno.

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Montana must learn to cope with coming changes, speakers say

By Cheryl Buchta
Kaimin Reporter

Montana has invited the world to play in its backyard and now it must find a way to cope with the coming changes, a panel of speakers cautioned Tuesday night.

A diverse group of environmentalists and planners told about 40 people that Montanans should quit arguing and decide what type of economy they want to replace the failing logging industry.

The speakers were part of Winter Recreation in the Wild Rockies, Impacts and Opportunities, a series of forums on recreational planning in the 1990s.

"The real issue is growth and direction," said Elizabeth Josephson, the principle planner of Sno-Engineering, Inc. "Growth will happen," she said, and "it's important to

recognize that the choice is not between people and the environment and manage for both."

But journalist George Wuerthner warned that areas that have not had strong planning, attract developers that don't care about the environment.

Anything that degrades the environment, takes money away from Montana, Wuerthner said. Noting that people come to the state because of the land, he urged Montanans to look at what the state does best—foster trout, elk and trees for scenery.

"Trees have more value in Montana sitting on the hillside than two by fours," he said, adding that "people don't come to Montana to see clearcuts."

John Gatchall, a member of the Montana Wilderness Association, said that development should suit Montana's needs and character.

"We don't need any more fallen paradises," he stated. Citing traditional values of the old west, Gatchall said Montana would be better off with small businesses owned by Montanans instead of large enterprises. Gatchall said the state needs to attract only a small group of tourists that enjoy "highly personalized attention" given by guest ranches.

Whitefish community activist Ron Newberry told the audience that "hard questions" should be asked of developers. Montanans should be especially cautious if taxpayers are asked to contribute money to support a project, he said.

In Missoula's backyard, Lolo Peak has been designated by the Forest Service as a possible site for a "destination ski resort." Although developers have not yet made

specific proposals for the area, Pat O'Herren, Missoula County Rural Planner, said the county has endorsed a cooperative plan for development. The plan would include the city, county, state and tribal governments, federal officials, and business and environmental groups.

When asked about potential Lolo Peak development, O'Herren said the area was identified by the Forest Service in the 1960s and has been managed with a future resort in mind. There has been increased interest in the area lately, and the Lolo Peak Economic Research Committee has hired professional consultants to do a study of the feasibility of the project.

A history of the Lolo Peak area and additional information about possible development will be presented March 1 at 7 p.m. at the Missoula Vo-Tech center.

ASUM primary to pare down candidate number

By Zac Jennings
Kaimin Reporter

The ASUM primary elections, which will be held today and Thursday, will cut the largest crowd of candidates in recent history down to two contenders per seat.

The elections will pare about 65 candidates for the ASUM Senate down to 40, and one of the three teams running for the executive offices will be dropped from the race.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the UC mall. Traditionally, less than 20 percent of the eligible student population has voted in primaries for student government.

The current senate will meet tonight in one of its last sessions before the body's term ends at the start of Spring Quarter.

According to ASUM President Aaron Aylsworth, the agenda for the meeting includes a resolution to put peepholes in the doors of UM's dormitories.

Sen. Tracie Bernardini said that she thinks the dorms completely protect students from potentially dangerous strangers.

Students must open their

doors to see who is on the other side, which leaves the possibility that the doors could be forced open, she said.

Housing Director Ron Brunell has said that the peepholes would cost about \$12 each. He said that he is not convinced that the plan is a good idea; the doors contain asbestos, which could be spread by drilling holes in them.

Also, the peepholes may hurt the fire resistance of the doors, Brunell said. Bernardini said Tuesday that she may modify the resolution to include different methods of protecting residents. Among the options she said she is considering are sliding chains so the doors will open just a few inches, or "warning buttons," like some dorms at MSU.

The buttons would trigger an alarm at the front desk, alerting dormitory authorities to any trouble.

Bernardini said the buttons are probably out of the question now.

"I feel the chains are the most reasonable at this point," she said.

The senate meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the UC Montana Rooms.

Montana doesn't have the money to solve its higher education problems, speaker says

By Laurel McDonald
for the Kaimin

Montana's higher education problems will have to be addressed structurally rather than financially, a representative from Missoula said Tuesday.

Mike Kadas, who serves on the Governor's Commission for Higher Education in the 90s and Beyond, said Montana doesn't have millions of dollars to put toward higher education.

Kadas, a UM senior in philosophy and economics, was the second speaker in "Reflections by Practitioners," a lecture series sponsored by the Mansfield Center, in cooperation with the Philosophy Forum.

Montana's higher education institutions are producing a "fairly good product," Kadas said. But without change, he said, that won't continue.

Because Montana has a small tax base to work from, the change will have to be structural, Kadas said. He said that each of the schools in the university system "is going to have to give up something," and that "some toes are going to have to get stepped on."

Kadas said problems are reflected in the professor's salaries. If the best professors seek better pay out of state, the quality of education will decrease, he said.

After his speech, Kadas said the commission will make recommendations concerning problems brought to its attention during meetings throughout the state.

Computer

from page 1.

UM. Patterson said the Board of Regents decided that the computer bond would be repaid through a combination of land grant money, computer center funds and student computer fees.

"It wasn't clear what percent of funding should come from each source," Patterson said. "Up to now things have been fairly balanced."

However, Patterson said that income from land grants has decreased in recent years and are paying less on the bond, while student computer fees are paying more.

According to a CUAC report, state land grant earnings have decreased at an average rate of 10 percent

He said that after the commission has defined possible solutions, public hearings will be held early in the summer.

He said the commission will look at changing the mission of some campuses. There are six four-year campuses in Montana, and Kadas said the commission will decide whether some of them should be made two-year institutions. All six institutions offer business degrees and five of them offer degrees in education.

Kadas said the plan for improvement needs to be taken with an open mind.

"Smile about your problems and look forward to next year," he said.

Kadas said he has seen a change in his own political style since his first term in 1983. At first, he said, he thought he could make a difference by shaking his fist and making the "great speech." But now he realizes that rather than creating opportunity, a good public representative waits patiently and takes advantage of opportunity, he said.

He said he looks to Mahatma Gandhi as a role model. Gandhi knew the "dynamics of opportunity" and the importance of patience, and he waited until the time was right to act on an issue, Kadas said.

However, he added that UM political science students need to get more involved in the practice rather than theory. He said he learned more from his legislative terms than he did in school.

annually during the last three years, while computer fee income has increased dramatically over the last two Fall Quarters due to increased enrollment.

Each UM student pays \$1 per quarter per credit hour up to a maximum of 12 credit hours.

Lynn Israel, a subcommittee member, said that if repayment continues under the current plan, about 55 percent of student computer fees will go to bond payments.

Patterson said the three-person subcommittee will propose that CUAC recommend to the administration that the percentage of student computer fees used to pay the bond be capped at about 45 percent. Until now, about 46 percent of computer fees have gone toward repaying the bond.

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STUDENT POLITICIANS SQUARE OFF

Small and DeVerse say they want to bring a new viewpoint to ASUM

By Amber L. Richey
for the Kaimin

Two candidates for ASUM executive office plan to take an unusual approach if elected by trying to get some of the mandatory \$20 student activity fee changed to voluntary.

Presidential candidate Dennis Small said Tuesday that he and his running mate, Mike DeVerse, are concerned that people run for office at UM primarily to get funding for their "pet projects."

Small, who ran for president in 1987, said he would like to eliminate the role ASUM plays in budgeting for stu-



MIKE DEVERSE AND DENNIS SMALL

Photo by Christian Morduck

dent activity groups. If budgeting responsibility is taken away from

the senate, unbiased people would run. Small is a 32-year-old gradu-

ate student in public administration.

DeVerse said students would decide, by a referendum, which of ASUM's 80 organizations are essential and should be funded through a \$5 mandatory student activity fee. DeVerse, who said he is 162 years old (or maybe 42, he wasn't sure), is a graduate student in political science.

Small said organizations such as child care, legal services, tutoring programs and the Kaimin are essential parts of the university and he has no intention of cutting funding for them. These organizations would be included in the referen-

dum vote, however.

Small said students would then be able to decide when they register if they want to give an additional \$15 to groups not funded in the referendum vote. Students would be able to direct which group they wanted their money to go to.

DeVerse said that the groups will have to get student support on their own. If a student group can't get support, DeVerse said, it's "not worth having," on campus. He said he believes most groups are good aspects of university life, "but to fund those is uncalled for."

Members "should grow up sometime and realize that when they leave the ivory-colored walls of academia" they will be on their own, without support from ASUM,

See "Small," pg. 8.

Smith and Skillen look to promote 'one-on-one interaction' with students

By Zac Jennings
Kaimin Reporter

The problem with ASUM is that students don't care what its problems are, according to two students running for president and vice president of the student body.

"In recent years, ... the ASUM administration has become somewhat of an elite organization" out of the realm of ordinary student concerns, presidential candidate Brian Smith said Tuesday.

Smith said he and running-mate Glenda Skillen will not wait for students to go to ASUM. Instead, he proposed to take ASUM to the students.

A table staffed by members of the ASUM Senate would be set up in the UC every week or two, Smith said, so that anyone could discuss the issues of the day.

"One-on-one interaction" is the way to get students interested in their government, he said.

Smith, 26, a graduate student in economics who has been an ASUM senator for the past year, said that funding for the university is one of the biggest issues that face the next ASUM administration.

"First of all, one of our priorities is to have

a strong student lobby at the 1990 Legislature," he said.

Direct mailings, phone banks manned by students and faculty, and an effort to get parents involved in lobbying are all important methods to convince legislators to fund the university generously, Smith said.

Smith said he and Skillen agree with many who say that students have little influence at the Legislature, so the two candidates would recruit parents to lend "credibility" to the process.

Smith said a professional lobbyist should be hired as well. Because, the next legislative session "could have very long-term effects," he said.

According to Pat Edgar, the ASUM advisor and a former lobbyist in Helena, such a professional lobbyist would cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000, plus between \$3,000 and \$5,000 for expenses and about \$7,000 for various supplies.



BRIAN SMITH AND GLENDA SKILLEN

Photo by Christian Morduck

"I think that it's worth the investment," Smith said, for talking about student concerns, and they

But Edgar added that Mike Craig, ASUM's

lobbyist during the last session, had told him that with legislators, there is "a certain amount of loss of respect" when a group decides to use a professional lobbyist.

"A professional lobbyist, even though that person might be more skilled," doesn't enjoy the respect that a student lobbyist would, Edgar said.

Skillen, 19, and the director of the Student Action Center, said ASUM should break down the barriers that leave students nervous about approaching student officers.

"I'd like to see the office more open to students," she said. "I never see the senators in there... I think they're unapproachable."

Members of ASUM need to make time to listen to students, Skillen said. Primarily, she said ASUM senators and executives should set office hours

See "Smith," pg. 8.

Students should be more aware of ASUM, Warden and Hinshaw say

By Michael Johnston
Kaimin Reporter

Increasing student awareness and participation in ASUM is a priority among executive objectives for next year, a presidential candidate said Tuesday.

Chris Warden, who is running for office with Alice Hinshaw, said increased student awareness will be the stepping stone on which ASUM will become more effective.

"We're going to go out of our way to make it apparent what resources are available," Warden said.

Warden, an ASUM senator and a sophomore in business administration and political science, said he plans to encourage student participation and student knowledge of ASUM by establishing a regular newsletter and creating workshops on the budgeting process and ways to use ASUM services.

Hinshaw, a junior in political science and pre-law, said, "If we introduce orientation programs to students when they first arrive, it's part of their campus experience."

Warden added, "So many students don't even know what ASUM is and the programs it offers. And they're paying out their noses for it."

Warden and Hinshaw outlined four other campaign priorities, including prevention of student fee increases, responsible oversight of student money, increasing campus safety and creating good relations with the new administration that will replace UM President James Koch.

Warden said the ASUM Auxiliary Services Review Committee should continue to ensure responsible use of student funds.

"First, we want students to be aware of where their money goes," he said. "Secondly, we want to make sure that is where the money is going."

Warden added that if the controller's office itemized student fees on tuition bills, students would have a better idea of how their money's being used.

Warden said an improved lobbying system could be used to monitor use of student funds by the administration, the Legislature and the Board of Regents.

"Although some of these ideas have been adopted by other candidates, it is important to note that we laid the background for them through our own proposals," Hinshaw added.



CHRIS WARDEN AND ALICE HINSHAW

Photo by John Youngblood

Warden cited his and Hinshaw's plan to use a professional

See "Warden," pg. 8.

'The Mezzanine' focuses on life's overlooked aspects

By John Firehammer
Arts Editor

The Mezzanine
by Nicholson Baker
Vintage Books, \$7.95

Have you ever been annoyed by a plastic straw that bounces out of your soft drink, buoyed up by carbonation bubbles? Have you ever been disgusted when the red thread in an individual Band-Aid wrapper comes loose instead tearing the package open as its supposed to do? Do you still get a kick out of riding escalators?

The answer to all three questions is of course.

It's interesting, if you think about it, how often the seemingly

small things in life are on our minds. We're probably annoyed every time we encounter a floating straw, but rarely, if ever, do we voice our annoyance.

In his first novel, "The Mezzanine," Nicholson Baker not only voices his opinion on floating straws, but traces their evolution from paper straws, which he prefers. Baker has a negative view of the move from paper to floating plastic straws by our nation's restaurants. He writes: "In this way the quality of life, through nobody's fault, went down an eighth of a notch, until just last year, I think, when one day I noticed that a plastic straw, made of some subtler polymer, with a



colored stripe in it, stood anchored to the bottom of my can!"

"The Mezzanine" is an exploration of the small, usually unnoticed, things which affect our lives. It is not a novel in which a great deal of action takes place. Most of the narrative takes place as a flashback experienced by our protagonist, Howie, as he rides an escalator up to his office, located in the mezzanine of a large business building. He has just returned from buying new shoelaces during his lunch hour. Howie's observations about the little

things in life center around the unexpected snap of his left shoelace. Once one of the little things he'd taken for granted gives up the ghost, Howie observes all the small aspects of his life in great detail. The 135 pages of the novel function as a slide we examine under a microscope. We see all the small details of Howie's lunch hour, his food, his relations with people and his relations with the everyday products, which after analysis turn out being much more important than we would think at first glance.

Howie may be "the sort of person who stood in a subway car and thought about buttering toast—buttering raisin toast even: when the high, crisp scrape of the butter knife is muted by occasional contact with the soft, heat-blinded forms of the raisins, and when if you cut across a raisin, it will sometimes fall right out, still intact though dented, as you lift the slice." He is the type of person who might seem obsessive, but is actually much like the rest of us. We all hold silent enjoyments and pleasures and annoyances. It's just that Howie isn't afraid to talk about and analyze the small points of his life. Reading the book, you are constantly knocking your head in agreement with Howie's observations. He talks about things you've always thought, but never analyzed.

The observations Baker writes about through his character are always funny, and occasionally thought-provoking, as when he writes about the process of perforating paper so that it can easily be torn: "Perforation! Shout it out! The deliberate punctuated weakening of paper and cardboard so that it will tear along an intended path, leaving a row of fine-haired white pills or tufts on each new edge! It is a staggering conception, showing an age-transforming feel for the unique properties of pulped wood fiber. Yet do have national holidays to celebrate its development? Are festschrift volumes published honoring the dead greats in the field?"

"The Mezzanine" is very funny, but the insights it offers are as entertaining as the foibles it satirizes.

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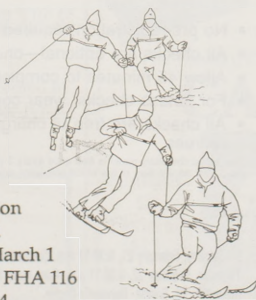
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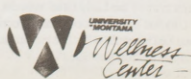
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Harmon paces distance runners at invitational

By Joe Kolman
Sports Reporter

UM distance runner Vonda Harmon won two events for the Griz track team last Saturday in the Montana State University Indoor Invitational track meet.

Harmon set a Field House record in the mile with a time of 4 minutes 55.9 seconds. She also won the 800-meter race in a time of 2:16.1.

UM sophomore Jenny Schultz placed in three events. She won the 55 meter hurdles in 8.49, finished 3rd in the 55 meter race in 7.57 and leaped 17 feet 8 and 3/4 inches to place 2nd in the long jump.

The women's 3,000-meter race was won by Montana's Amy Williams in 10:20.5. Her teammate Lynda Rudolph ran it in 10:31.2 which earned her 3rd in the race.

Other placers for the Montana women were: Elaine Swartz 3rd in

the high jump, Mindy Johnson placed 2nd in the triple jump, Kaipo Wallwork finished 2nd in the shot put, and Veronica Peterson captured 3rd in the 200 meters.

Grizzly runner Ken McChesney qualified for the Big Sky Conference meet, winning the 3,000-meter race in 8:34.4.

The UM men dominated the 55 meter race grabbing the top three spots. Dan Baird won in a time of 6.61 and set a meet record. Tony Roberts was 2nd in 6.65 and Joe Farrish finished 3rd in 6.71.

Paul Pallas, a Montana shot putter, blew away the nearest competitor by three feet. He threw the shot 53 feet and 1 inch.

Placing for the men in other events were: Chad Wilson finished 3rd in the 400-meter run, Joe Clark took 2nd in the 800-meter run, and Cory Johnson jumped well enough to finish 3rd in the triple jump.

Fasting leads Griz into last home game

By Frank Field
Sports Editor

Sophomore guard Roger Fasting, this week's basketball player of the week, leads the Grizzly basketball team into its last home game of the season against Weber State and Boise State Thursday and Saturday.

However, yet another Griz was injured this weekend and may not be at 100 percent by the weekend. Center Daren Engellant, a sophomore, was kicked during the Nevada-Reno game Saturday. Head Coach Steve Morrill said the kick popped a blood vessel, and Engellant's leg is black and blue from the knee down.

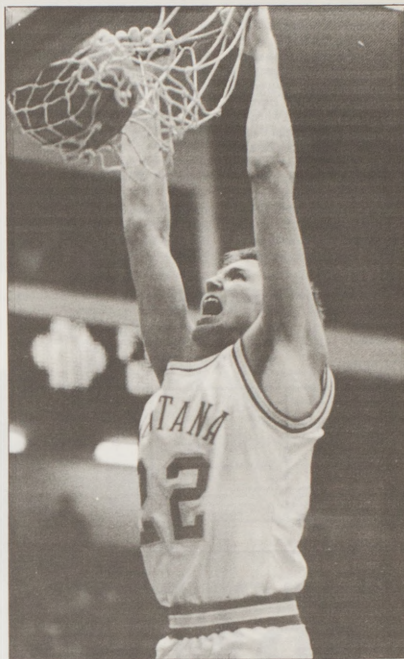
Morrill said he hoped Engellant would be ready to play by the weekend.

In the meantime, junior guard Eric Jordan is slowly

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SOPHOMORE GUARD Roger Fasting jams home two of his career-high 22 points during Montana's 87-66 romp against Northern Arizona University Saturday.

Photo by Ken Blackbird



Sports Briefs . . .

Bobcat player arrested; suspended

MSU senior guard Alonzo Stephens has been suspended from play indefinitely following his arrest early Sunday morning.

Stephens pleaded innocent to drunk driving Tuesday in Bozeman city court.

Montana State Athletic Director Doug Fullerton said Stephens will definitely not play in MSU's games against Weber State and Boise State this week.

Fullerton said the athletic department will review Stephen's case further before taking other action.

Volleyball team signs Big Sky standout

UM head volleyball coach Dick Scott announced that he has signed Missoula Big Sky High School's Heidi Williams for the 1991 season.

The 5-foot 11-inch middle hitter is averaging 4.43 digs, 1.43 assists, 2.71 aces and 5.29 blocks per game in high school action.

The first volleyball full-ride scholarship winner from Montana, Williams will redshirt her first year. Scott has no more scholarships to offer this year, but he said he is actively recruiting walk-on players.

Last year, Williams earned all-state honors in volleyball and an honorable mention all-conference selection for basketball. She was the Eagles' Most Valuable Player in track and field in 1988.

GAA award goes to distance runner

Sophomore Lynda Rudolph has earned the Elaine Murray Award for being the female student athlete with the highest grade point average for last year.

The Copper Connection, a special interest group of the Grizzly Athletic Association, gives the award in memory of Murray, who died of cancer.

Rudolph is a political science major who maintains a 4.0 average. She competes in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs in track and also runs for the UM cross country team.

McNulty named to all-academic team

Lady Griz senior forward Jean McNulty has been named to the GTE District VII All-Academic team for her second consecutive year.

To be chosen for the team, comprised from universities from the Northwest, Midwest and Canada, a player must be a starter or a contributing reserve and maintain at least a career 3.20 grade-point average.

McNulty, from Whitehall, has a 3.23 grade-point average in zoology. Last season she was chosen to the Big Sky Conference first team.

This season McNulty has been chosen the Big Sky player of the week three times. She leads the league in scoring and is a major part of the Lady Griz' success this season.

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Women's studies program to be offered if committees approve

By Melanie Threlkeld
for the Kaimin

A women's studies emphasis within the liberal arts department will become a reality if the proposal is approved by several committees, a spokeswoman for the project said Tuesday.

Humanities Professor Julia Watson said the new emphasis would include existing UM courses and be taught by existing faculty. Additional money would not be needed, she added.

Watson is a member of the subcommittee, which is designing the curriculum for the program. She said the program may be ready by the Fall Quarter of 1990.

If the program is added to the curriculum, students will be able to receive a liberal arts degree with an emphasis in women's studies.

Watson said the curriculum would include courses from the departments of African-American studies, anthropology, art, English, foreign language, humanities, interpersonal communications, Native Ameri-

can studies, philosophy, religious studies, social work and possibly environmental studies.

She said the committee would welcome courses from other departments, especially the sociology and history departments.

Dorothy Garceaux, a volunteer for the Women's Resource Center, was the instigator for the project.

"Women's studies have always been an interest of mine... and it's important in liberal arts to study how genders function together in a society," she said. "Women's studies

rights the balance by exploring the missing half, the female half, of human experience."

Garceaux said in order to merit an emphasis in women's studies, she had to identify women's studies courses already available in different departments.

She said she then organized existing "energy and interest" from students and faculty, and with a group of 14 faculty members, coordinated the courses into "a coherent body of study."

Once the proposal is completed, it will be presented to several committees for approval.

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DeVerse said.

Small added that a lot of worthwhile groups don't get support because senators choose to ignore issues. For instance, campus lighting has been a concern for years but the senate hasn't done anything substantial to help add more.

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should keep them.

She said convincing the soon-to-be-elected senators to be available shouldn't be difficult.

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lobbyist for the state legislative session as an example.

"Not only are we saying we want a good student lobby, we're saying how we're going to do it," Warden said.

Warden said he plans to create a student lobbying program, to start a workshop on lobbying procedures for students, and to emphasize immediate hiring of legislative staff.

Hinshaw, the ASUM representative to the City Council, said that creating good relations with the new UM president will be a priority if she and Warden are elected.

Warden said, "The relationship we build this year with the new president is going to determine what ASUM can do in the future. We need to be a professional representative, not a campus radical."

Noting that other candidates have expressed resentment towards working with the administration, Hinshaw added, "It's going to be critical not to take an adversarial position to the new administration."

Warden said they have made specific plans to go along with their ideals.

"Alice and I have made an effort to provide details for our campaign proposals," Warden said. "If we're elected, we stand the best chance of bringing the student body together."

Hinshaw said one of their campaign's strengths has been its individualism.

"We're not targeting any particular support groups," she said. "I feel that by doing this we can have a very broad base of support."

Griz

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recuperating from mononucleosis. Morrill said Jordan practiced for about 15 minutes Monday and may be ready for "possible spot work."

Morrill said Jordan has gained back ten of the 15 pounds he lost because of the illness. He is taking recovery "day by day," said Morrill, "we'll see how it comes along."

Fasting shares player-of-the-week honors with Michael Ostlund, a guard from Weber State. Fasting will likely meet up with Ostlund Thursday night, and he will have his hands full.

Ostlund led Wildcat scorers last week with 16 points during WSC's 77-66 romp against Eastern Washington, and had 15 points in their game against Idaho State Saturday.

Weber is tied for fifth in the Big Sky with Boise State; they have 6-6 records. Montana holds fourth, with a 7-6 conference record.

Things are very tight in the middle of the conference; every team except cellar-dwellers Northern Arizona (3-9) and Idaho State (2-12) have a chance at the playoffs.

Morrill said he respects the talents of WSC and BSU. "Every game is just so critical," he said. "A loss could mean you don't get into the tournament." The top six teams in the conference will make the conference playoffs.

stantial to help add more.

Small said he and DeVerse would also like to see a complete reconstruction of the student government. DeVerse said they want an advisory body made up of representatives from campus organizations, including one representative from each of the seven schools.

"I think if they're running they have an obligation to be more aware" of student concerns, Skillen said.

Smith said that all of the issues that

DeVerse said there is nothing in the U.S. Constitution that states; "Thou shalt have student government." He added, that there is even a provision in the ASUM constitution that allows for abolition of the government.

Small said the people now in

he and Skillen have raised share many similarities to those of other candidates.

office treat the government like a "sacred institution" that has become "more valuable than the body it serves." But he said that since about 12 percent of the student body voted in last years election, obviously nobody really cares about what happens to the "sacred institution" of ASUM.

"A lot of issues are the same between platforms, but it's a matter of who will deal with them," he said.

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reservists registering to vote. She said independent journalists investigated that and other incidents and found conclusive proof that the Contras were responsible.

Graman said that several UNO supporters at the rally cited military conscription and the country's economy as the main election issues.

The size of the Sunday Managua rally is "healthy for this country," said Chuck Blackman, an American Steelwork advisor in Managua. Blackman, from Wichita, Kan., has been in Nicaragua for the last six months.

"The campaign is wide-open and may be close," he said. "But the Sandinistas will probably win a majority of the vote."

He added, "The number of people at the UNO rally is an expression of the the Sandinistas' support and the work ahead for the Sandinistas."

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of Congress as well as to the student body.

"We hope to educate students about the Central American countries and to stimulate questions in the minds of the students and the American people," Parker said.

"We feel that there is a void on campus and we are trying to fill that void. We hope to get some interest and debate going on among students."

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